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COME, ADOLPHUS--WE MUST GO. FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT INITIATED, THE SIGHT OF THE GODS FEASTING MAY BE A LITTLE DISTURBING
AWW, MATER!

THE FIRST PRISONERS FROM OTHER DIMENSIONS --THEY'RE GOING TO BE OFFERED IN THANKSGIVING TO THE GODS!
MORRIS NOT UNDERSTAND, DOC...WHO ARE THESE GODS?

HIDEOUS FORMS OF ANTI-LIFE! THE MALEVILUS FEED OFF DEATH!
RARE AND SUCCULENT DISHES! THIS SACRIFICE IS PLEASING TO US, IRONICUS!

THERE ARE FIVE...BABIYON...ABISS...! EPOK...! NEKROS...! AND THE MOST FOUL OF ALL... MAGOG!
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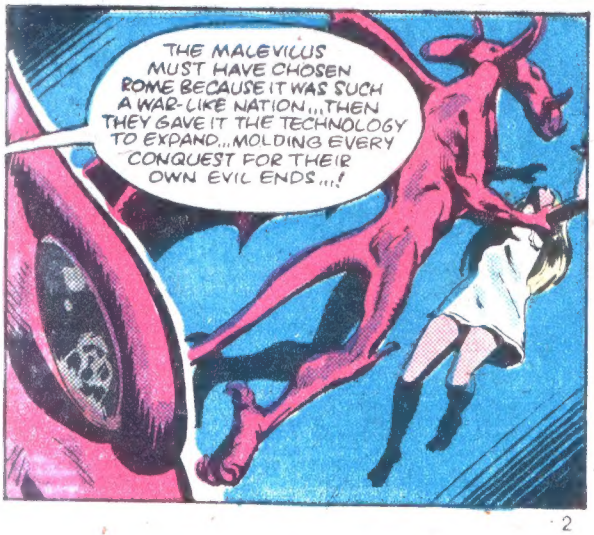
THE MALEVILUS MUST HAVE CHOSEN ROME BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH A WAR-LIKE NATION...THEN THEY GAVE IT THE TECHNOLOGY TO EXPAND...MOLDING EVERY CONQUEST FOR THEIR OWN EVIL ENDS...!

AAAAHH!

SOON EVERYTHING IN CREATION WILL BE IN THEIR GRASP --UNLESS WE CAN STOP THEM!
OH, DEARIE I! YES INDEED! ME SHOULD KN-KN-KNOW! ME KNOWS THE GODS' SECRET THESE DAYS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, VESUVIUS? WHAT IS THE GODS' SECRET?
YOU'LL NEVER FIND OUT! BACK AGAINST THAT PILLAR, BOTH OF YOU!

THE OLD HISTORIAN ROBOT, VESUVIUS! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH CENTURIES AGO, BUT I CAN RECTIFY THAT--A QUICK SLUG FROM THE BACT-GUN...
OH, DEARIE I! NO! IT FIRES A M-M-METAL EATING VIRUS...
... AND YOU'LL RUST CLEAN AWUUUUGH!
MORRIS GET UGLY WID YOU!

THE ESCAPED GALLEY SLAVES ... DESTROY THEM!

DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY, IRONICUS... I BELIEVE YOU KNOW WHAT THIS DEVICE IS... AND WHAT IT'LL GIVE A ROBOT LIKE YOU...

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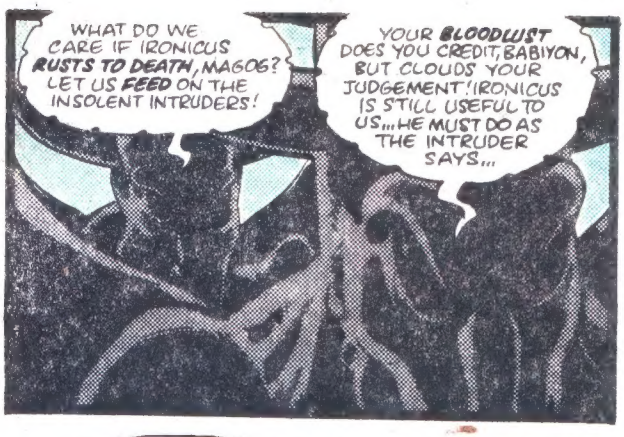
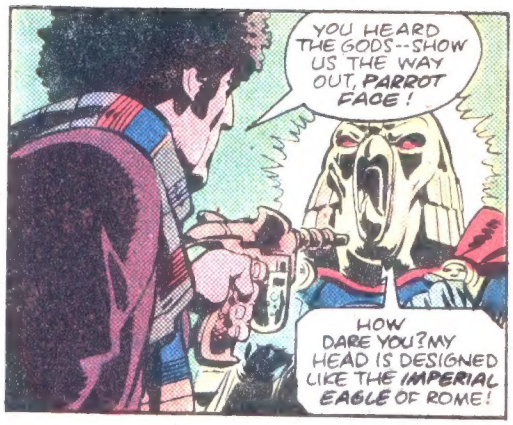
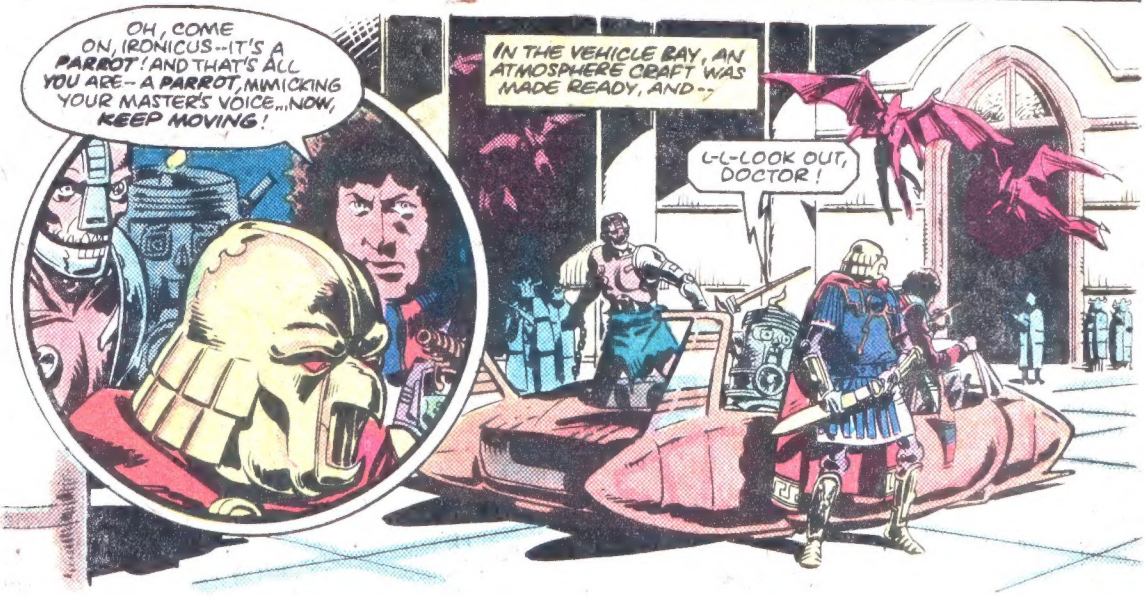
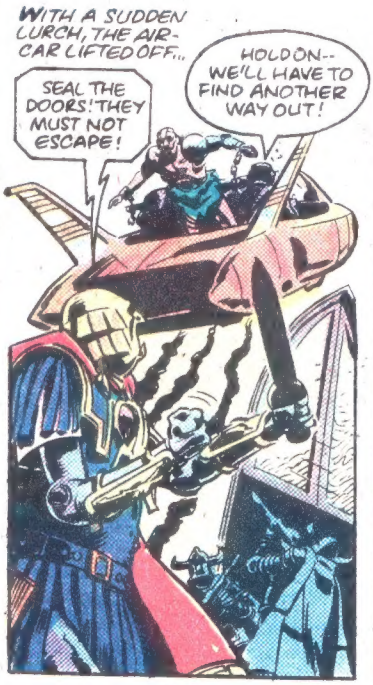
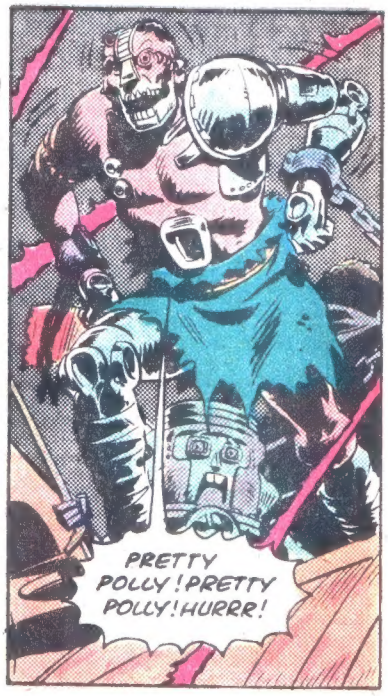

WHAT DO WE CARE IF IRONICUS RUSTS TO DEATH, MAGOG? LET US FEED ON THE INSOLENT INTRUDERS!
YOUR BLOODLUST DOES YOU CREDIT, BABIYON, BUT CLOUDS YOUR JUDGEMENT! IRONICUS IS STILL USEFUL TO US... HE MUST DO AS THE INTRUDER SAYS...

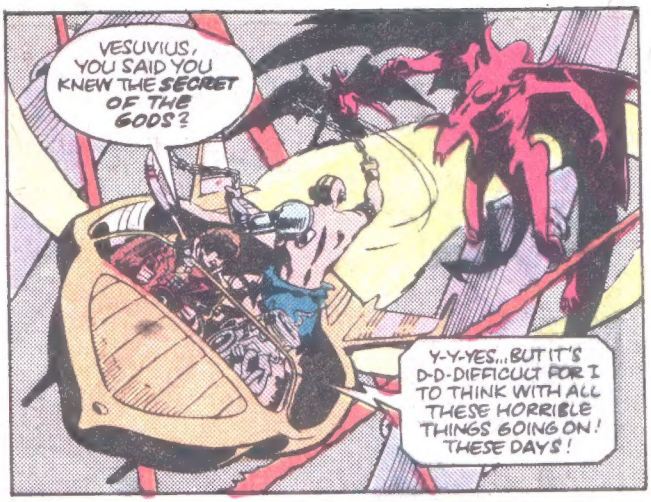

YOU HEARD THE GODS--SHOW US THE WAY OUT, PARROT FACE!
HOW DARE YOU? MY HEAD IS DESIGNED LIKE THE IMPERIAL EAGLE OF ROME!


OH, COME ON, IRONICUS--IT'S A PARROT! AND THAT'S ALL YOU ARE--A PARROT, MIMICKING YOUR MASTER'S VOICE... NOW, KEEP MOVING!
IN THE VEHICLE BAY, AN ATMOSPHERE CRAFT WAS MADE READY, AND--
L-L-LOOK OUT, DOCTOR!

DIE!


WITH A SUDDEN LURCH, THE AIR-CAR LIFTED OFF...
SEAL THE DOORS! THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE!
HOLD ON--WE'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT!

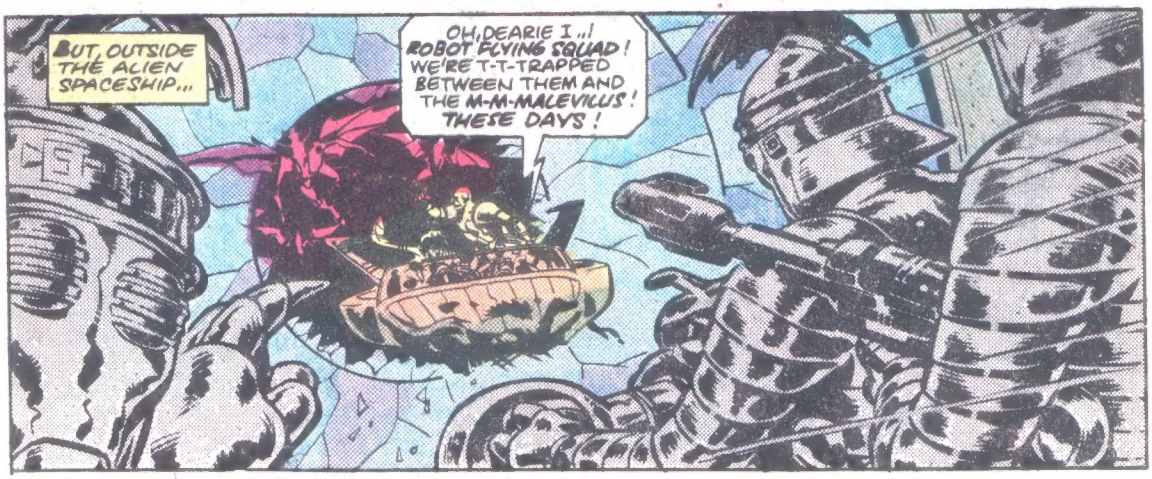

PRETTY POLLY! PRETTY POLLY! HURRR!

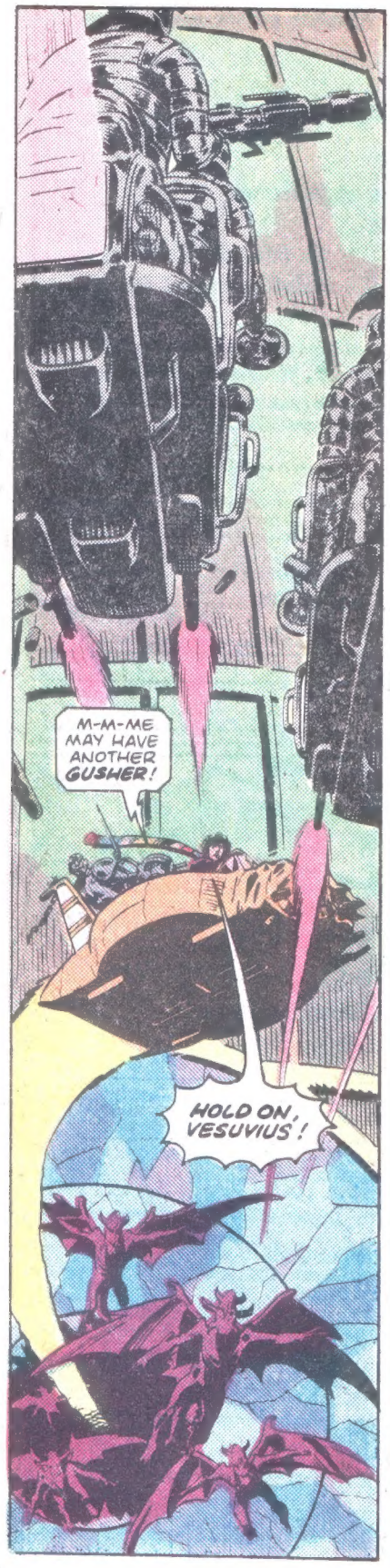

VESUVIUS, YOU SAID YOU KNEW THE SECRET OF THE GODS?
Y-Y-YES... BUT IT'S D-D-DIFFICULT FOR I TO THINK WITH ALL THESE HORRIBLE THINGS GOING ON! THESE DAYS!

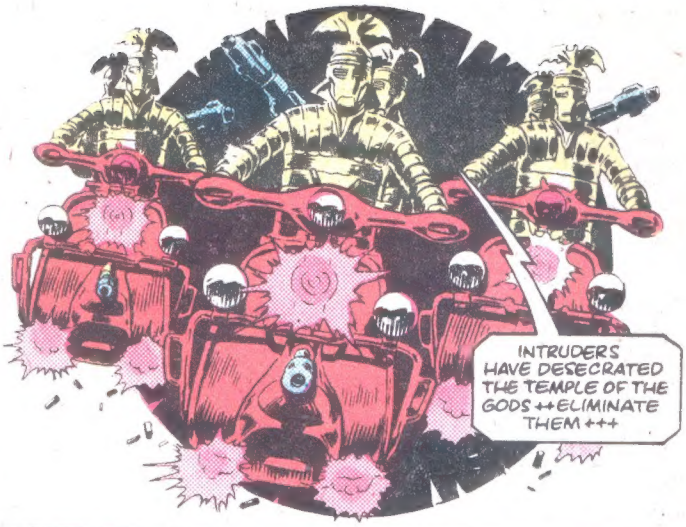
IT'S VITAL YOU REMEMBER!
YEHHH! MORRIS HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE REMEMBERING... DOCTORS NOT FINISHED WITH MORRIS YET-- GOTTA DO MORE WORK... IN HERE!

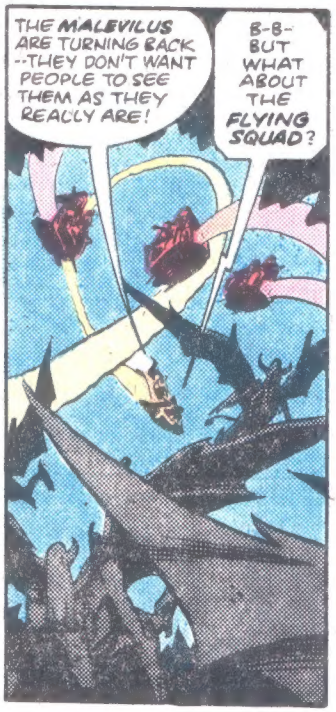
OBSERVATION WINDOW-- IT'S OUR ONLY WAY OUT! IT'LL BE MADE TO STAND UP TO METEORITES, SO WE'LL NEED FULL POWER!

AND, WITH A MIGHTY SHATTERING OF ARMORED GLASS...

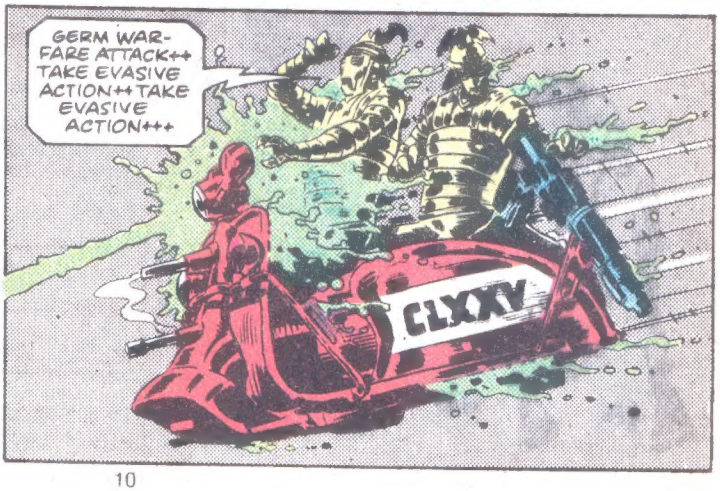

BUT, OUTSIDE THE ALIEN SPACESHIP...
OH, DEARIE I...! ROBOT FLYING SQUAD! WE'RE T-T-TRAPPED BETWEEN THEM AND THE M-M-MALEVICUS! THESE DAYS!


M-M-ME MAY HAVE ANOTHER GUSHER!
HOLD ON, VESUVIUS!


INTRUDERS HAVE DESECRATED THE TEMPLE OF THE GODS ++ ELIMINATE THEM +++


THE MALEVILUS ARE TURNING BACK --THEY DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO SEE THEM AS THEY REALLY ARE!
B-B-BUT WHAT ABOUT THE FLYING SQUAD?

USE THE BACT GUN, MORRIS --IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
YEHHHHH!


GERM WARFARE ATTACK++ TAKE EVASIVE ACTION++ TAKE EVASIVE ACTION+++
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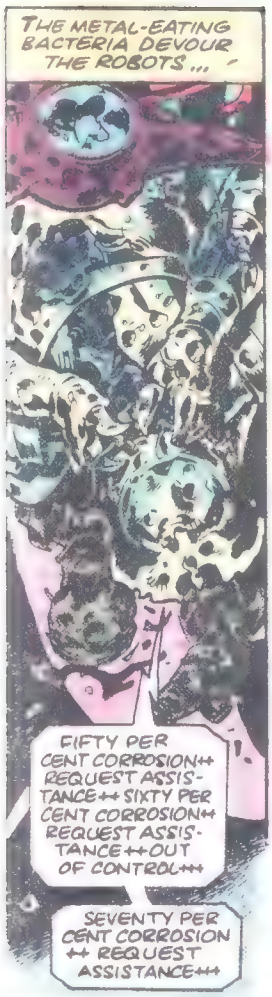
THE METAL-EATING BACTERIA DEVOUR THE ROBOTS...
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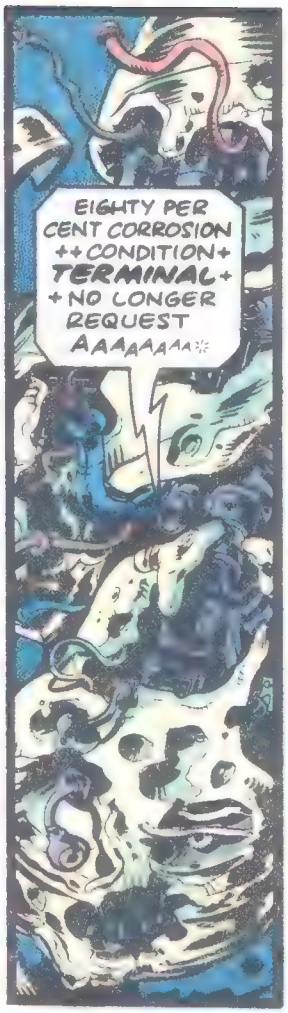

EIGHTY PER CENT CORROSION ++CONDITION+ TERMINAL+ +NO LONGER REQUEST AAAAAAAA

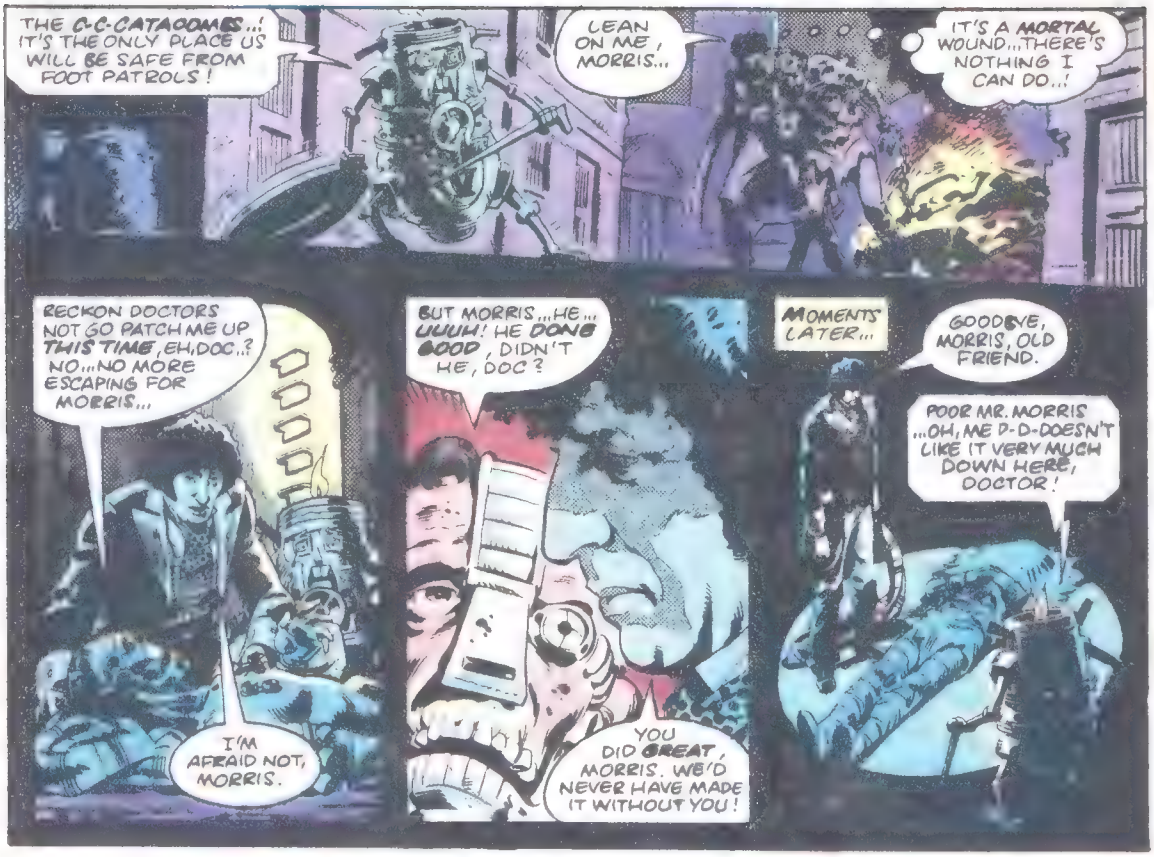
TWO LEFT--AND THEY'RE CLOSING FAST, DOC!

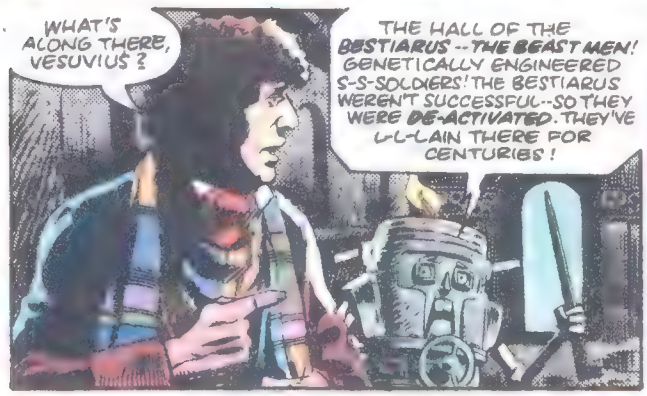
RUST IN PEACE! HURR, HURR! MORRIS MAKE THE JOKE!

AAAAAAH!

THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF THEM! NOW TO GET RID OF THESE MANACLES ...YOUR FLAME COMES IN HANDY, VESUVIUS!
YES, DOCTOR IT'S M-M-MEANT TO BE THE FLAME OF FREEDOM... BUT THESE DAYS THE ALIEN GUARDS USE IT TO F-F-FRY THEIR KRONKBURGERS ON! IS NOT VERY NICE!

DON'T WORRY, VESUVIUS-- I INTEND TO MAKE THE FLAME OF FREEDOM BURN BRIGHTLY AGAIN!
IF ONLY YOU COULD, DOCTOR--B-B- BUT THINGS HAVE BEEN VERY BAD SINCE THE M-M- MALEVILUS LANDED IN ROME...
EL+M+N+++
...THEIR LEADER, MAGOG, HAS T-T-TAKEN OVER THE BODY OF THE EMPEROR'S MOTHER, JUNO--SO HE CAN DIRECT AFFAIRS OF ST-ST-STATE..!
R+P+IR+++
...AND WHEN THE EMPEROR SUCCEEDS TO THE TH-TH-THRONE, HE, TOO, WILL BE TAKEN OVER! MAGOG HAS GREAT P-P-POWERS...HE CAN BE IN MANY PLACES AT ONCE!
G++D+F+TS+++
MULTIPLE METAMORPHOSIS...! I NEVER DREAMED MAGOG WAS SO POWERFUL...NEVERTHELESS, I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO DESTROY HIM, VESUVIUS!
Y+S+J+ST+++
EL++M+N++AT+++
MORRIS!
OH, DEARIE I! MR. MORRIS IS HURT V-V-VERY BADLY! THESE DAYS!


THE C-C-CATACOMBS...! IT'S THE ONLY PLACE US WILL BE SAFE FROM FOOT PATROLS!
LEAN ON ME, MORRIS...
IT'S A MORTAL WOUND...THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...!
RECKON DOCTORS NOT GO PATCH ME UP THIS TIME, EH, DOC...? NO...NO MORE ESCAPING FOR MORRIS...
I'M AFRAID NOT, MORRIS.
BUT MORRIS...HE... UUUH! HE DONE GOOD, DIDN'T HE, DOC?
YOU DID GREAT, MORRIS. WE'D NEVER HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!
MOMENTS LATER...
GOODBYE, MORRIS, OLD FRIEND.
POOR MR. MORRIS ...OH, ME D-D-DOESN'T LIKE IT VERY MUCH DOWN HERE, DOCTOR!


WHAT'S ALONG THERE, VESUVIUS?
THE HALL OF THE BESTIARUS--THE BEAST MEN! GENETICALLY ENGINEERED S-S-SOLDIERS! THE BESTIARUS WEREN'T SUCCESSFUL--SO THEY WERE DE-ACTIVATED. THEY'VE L-L-LAIN THERE FOR CENTURIES!

ROBOTS MUCH BETTER!
WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THE BESTIARUS?
THEY SMASHED EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!

A FEW ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS EQUIPMENT, AND--
NO, DOCTOR! IT'S TOO RISKY! THESE DAYS!
THE BESTIARUS ARE ALL WE'VE GOT, VESUVIUS...WE'RE GOING TO USE THEM TO SMASH THE EVIL OF ROME!

THE DOCTOR REPAIRS THE CONTROL CONSOLE AND THEN... AS RAW POWER SURGES THROUGH THE MACHINES...

...THE BEAST MEN AWAKE!

I'VE PROGRAMMED THE BESTIARUS TO FUNCTION FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ..THEY'LL USE THE CATACOMB SYSTEM TO STRIKE AT STRATEGIC POINTS THROUGHOUT ROME!

YOU'RE GOING TO START A REVOLUTION ...G-G-GOSH!

WE'VE GOT TWENTY FOUR HOURS TO SEIZE AN EMPIRE! FOR WHOEVER CONTROLS ROME...

...CONTROLS THE GALAXY!

WITH GRIM MENACE, THE BESTIARUS LUMBER TOWARDS THEIR OBJECTIVES...

I HOPE YOU KEPT THE BEAST MEN'S INSTRUCTIONS SIMPLE, DOCTOR... ALTHOUGH THEY'RE S-S-SAVAGE FIGHTERS, THEY HAVE DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING THINGS!

YOU MEAN LIKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOORS AND WALLS..?

EXACTLY, DOCTOR!

AS THE BEAST MEN DEPART...

BUT WHAT ABOUT GENERAL IRONICUS AND MAGOG..? THEY'LL BE AT THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS THESE DAYS TO WATCH THE CH-CH-CHARIOT RACES!

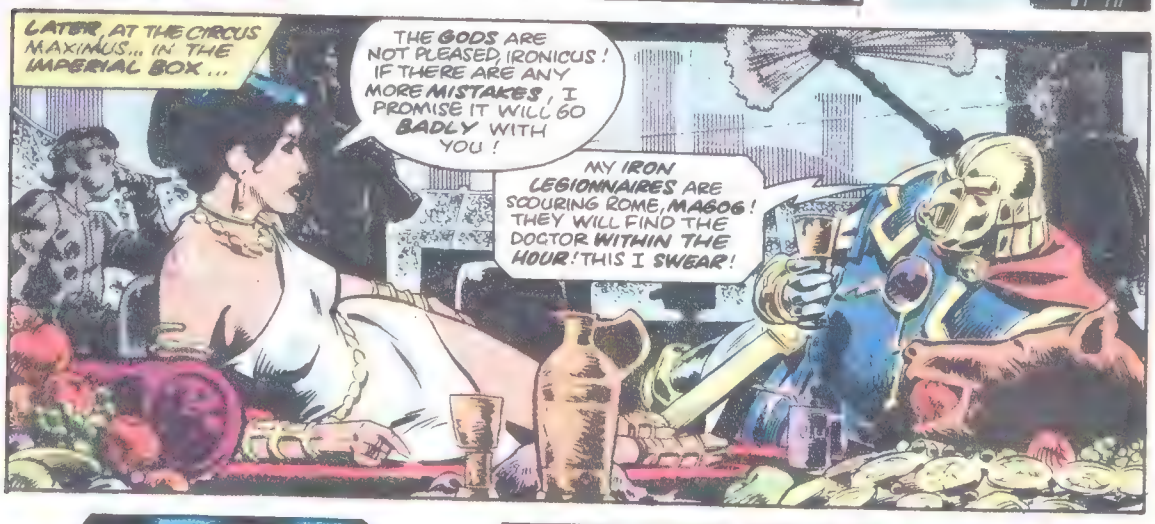
THEN THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING, VESUVIUS -- FOR A FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH MAGOG!

OOOH! THE THOUGHT OF M-M-MAGOG MAKES I GO ALL OF A J-J-JITTER! WOULD YOU MIND CHECKING ME'S OIL LEVEL WITH THIS DIPSTICK, DOCTOR..?
OF COURSE NOT, VESUVIUS!

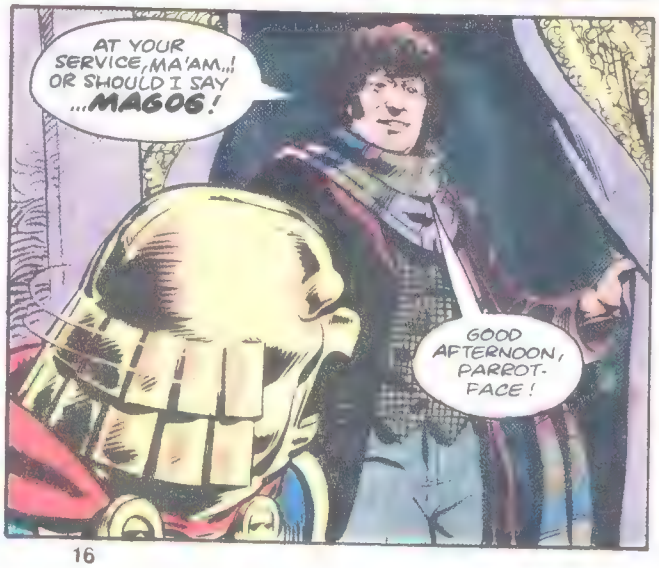
BZZZ! THAT T-T-TICKLES!

'IF'... THAT'S NOT GOOD! IF ME DOESN'T GET MORE OIL, S-S-SOMETHING VERY UNPLEASANT WILL HAPPEN TO I!
YOU'LL SURVIVE, VESUVIUS... COME ON!

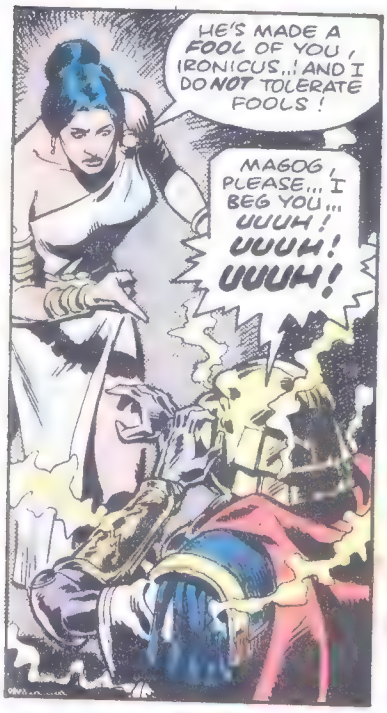
ACCORDING TO THE MAP, THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS IS THIS WAY... OWW! BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FLAME!
S-S-SORRY, DOCTOR!


LATER, AT THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS... IN THE IMPERIAL BOX...
THE GODS ARE NOT PLEASED, IRONICUS! IF THERE ARE ANY MORE MISTAKES, I PROMISE IT WILL GO BADLY WITH YOU!
MY IRON LEGIONNAIRES ARE SCOURING ROME, MAGOG! THEY WILL FIND THE DOCTOR WITHIN THE HOUR! THIS I SWEAR!

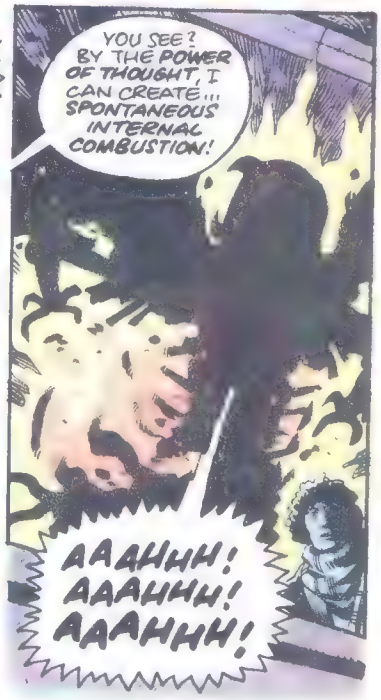
THEY HAD BETTER FIND THE DOCTOR, IRONICUS... FOR YOUR SAKE!

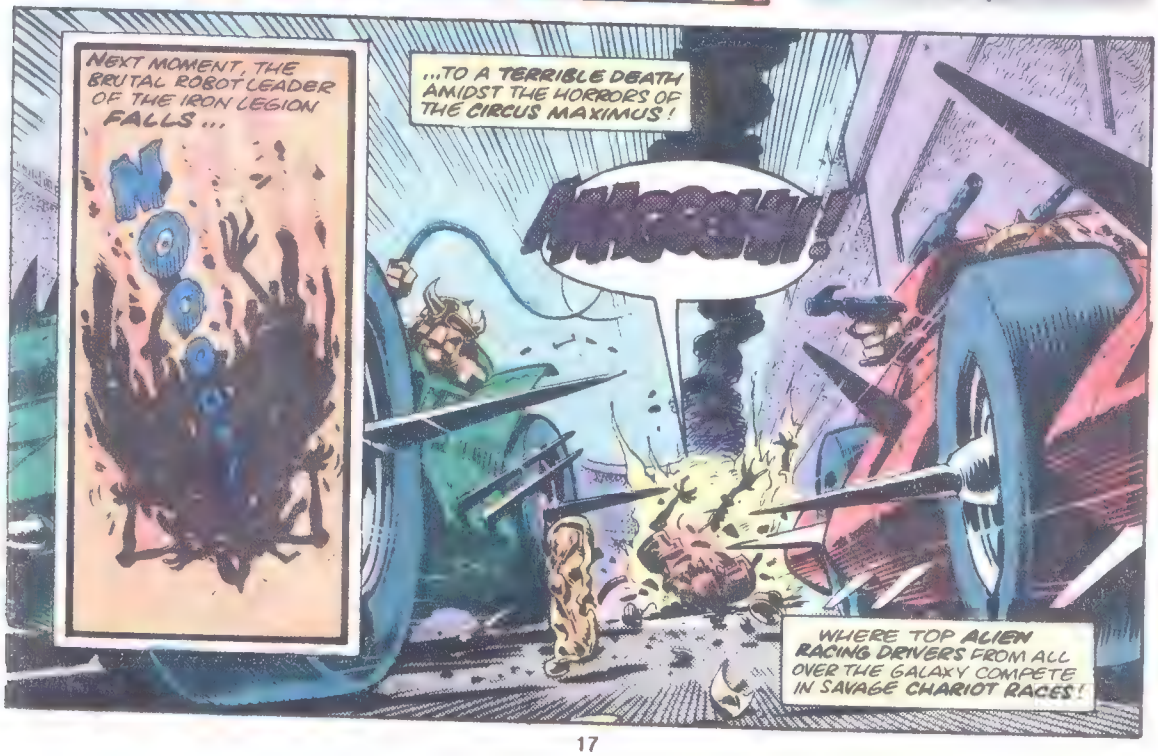

AT YOUR SERVICE, MA'AM..! OR SHOULD I SAY ...MAGOG!
GOOD AFTERNOON, PARROT-FACE!

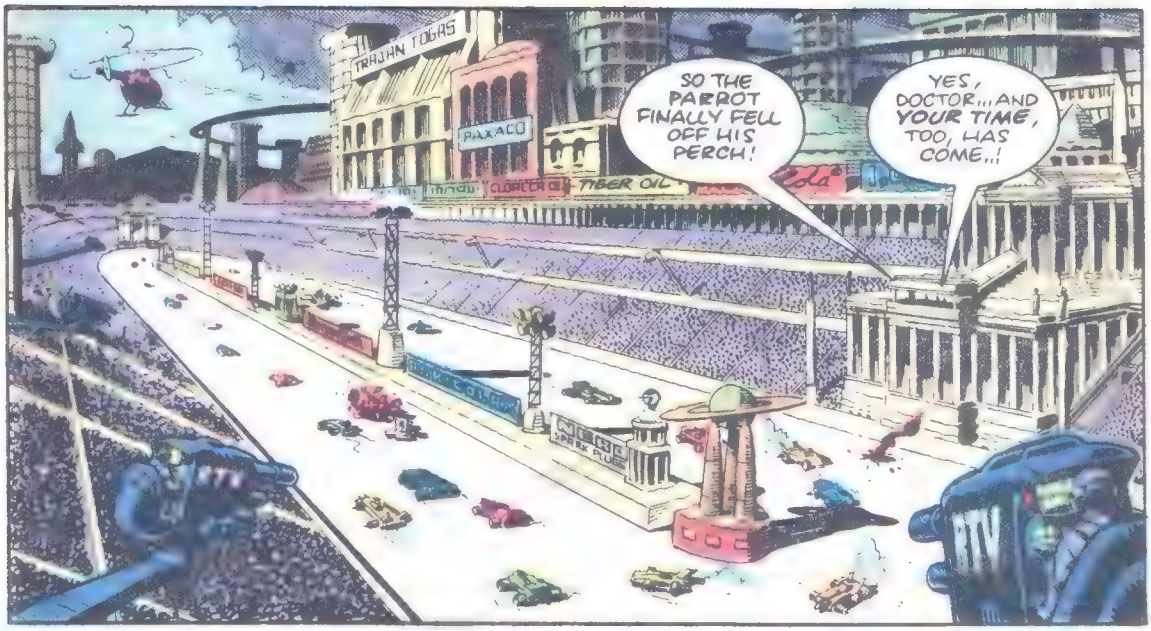
SO! YOUR LEGIONNAIRES SEARCH THE CITY, WHILE THE DOCTOR ENTERS THE IMPERIAL BOX, MAKING A MOCKERY OF YOUR SECURITY!
YES, I THOUGHT I'D POP IN FOR A LITTLE CHAT!
MAGOG, I--!


HE'S MADE A FOOL OF YOU, IRONICUS...! AND I DO NOT TOLERATE FOOLS!
MAGOG, PLEASE... I BEG YOU... UUUH! UUUH! UUUH!

WATCH, DOCTOR-- A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION OF MY POWERS!
AAAHH! NO, MAGOG! NO! NO! NO!


YOU SEE? BY THE POWER OF THOUGHT, I CAN CREATE... SPONTANEOUS INTERNAL COMBUSTION!
AAAHHH! AAAHHH! AAAHHH!


NEXT MOMENT, THE BRUTAL ROBOT LEADER OF THE IRON LEGION FALLS...
NO
...TO A TERRIBLE DEATH AMIDST THE HORRORS OF THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS!
WHERE TOP ALIEN RACING DRIVERS FROM ALL OVER THE GALAXY COMPETE IN SAVAGE CHARIOT RACES!


TROJAN TOGAS
PAXACO
TIGER OIL
SO THE PARROT FINALLY FELL OFF HIS PERCH!
YES, DOCTOR... AND YOUR TIME, TOO, HAS COME..!
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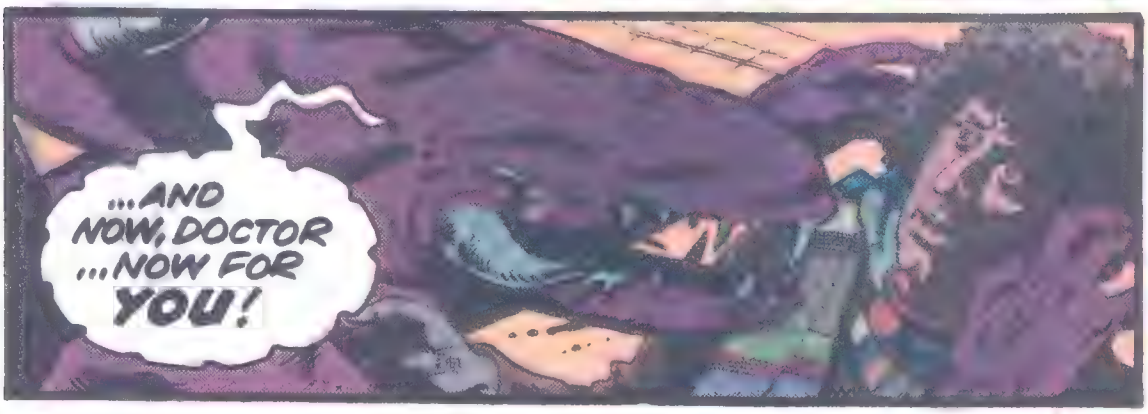
BUT, FIRST...

... LET ME GET RID OF THIS HATEFUL HUMAN FORM...

... AND SLIP INTO SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE...

COMFORTABLE!


...AND NOW, DOCTOR ...NOW FOR YOU!

AT THAT MOMENT THE BESTIARUS ATTACK THE IRON LEGION AT KEY POINTS THROUGHOUT ROME! THESE BEAST MEN HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHOUT THE CAPACITY FOR PAIN--THEIR SIMPLE MINDS THINK ONLY OF... DESTRUCTION!

MARAUDING, MANIC ROBOPHANTS JOIN IN THE CHAOS! WHOSE SIDE THEY ARE ON IS NOT CLEAR! BUT, AS BUILDINGS TOTTER AND THE ROBOT LEGIONS FALL BACK, THERE IS NO DOUBT--THE ROMAN REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN!

AND, IN THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS...

I AM MAGOG! LEADER OF THE MALEVILUS! THE POWER OF THE FIVE OF THE PENTANGLE RUNS THROUGH ME! HOW CAN YOU HOPE TO MATCH ME, DOCTOR, WHEN I CAN BE IN A HUNDRED PLACES AT ONCE?

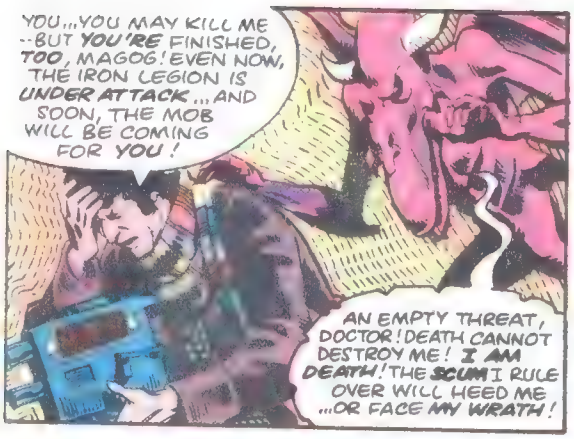
AN INTERESTING PARTY TRICK, MAGOG! DO YOU DO IT WITH MIRRORS?

YOU WERE A FOOL TO COME HERE, DOCTOR! I CAN MAKE EVERY FIBRE OF YOUR BEING FEEL THE MOST TERRIBLE PAIN!

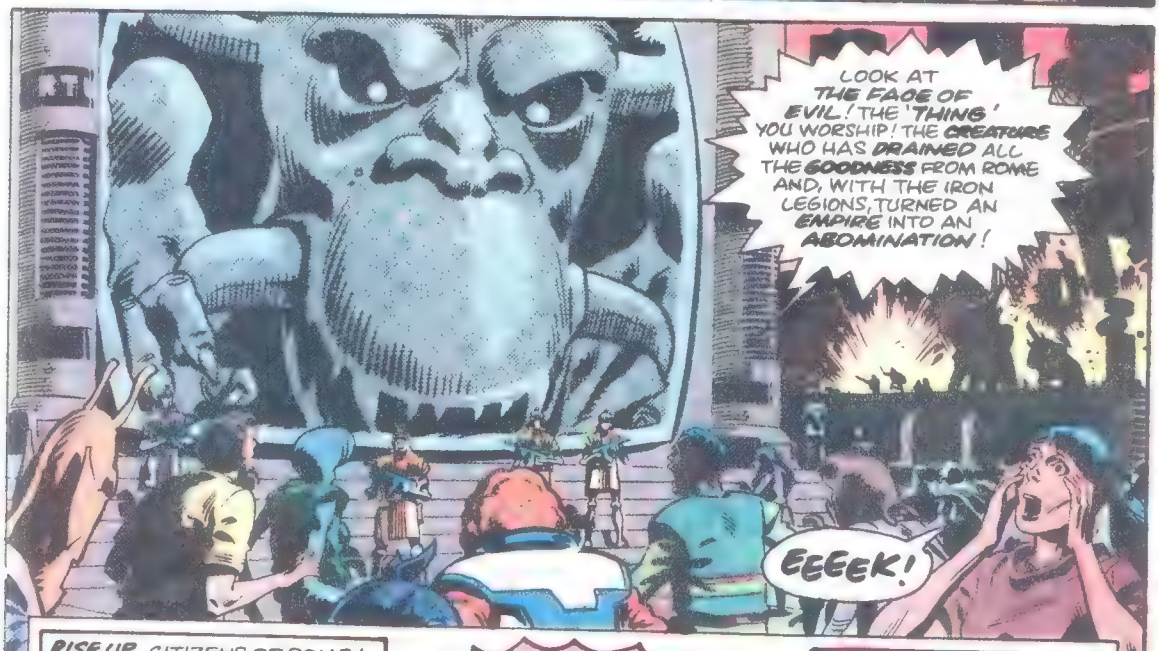
I CAN TURN YOUR BODY INSIDE OUT LIKE AN OLD GLOVE!

STRETCH YOU ON A MENTAL RACK ...MORE CRUEL THAN ANY TORTURER'S DEVICE!

THAT... T.V. CAMERA... ONLY... HOPE...!


YOU...YOU MAY KILL ME --BUT YOU'RE FINISHED, TOO, MAGOG! EVEN NOW, THE IRON LEGION IS UNDER ATTACK...AND SOON, THE MOB WILL BE COMING FOR YOU!
AN EMPTY THREAT, DOCTOR! DEATH CANNOT DESTROY ME! I AM DEATH! THE SCUM I RULE OVER WILL HEED ME ...OR FACE MY WRATH!

DESPITE THE TERRIBLE STRAIN, THE DOCTOR MANAGES TO SWING THE CAMERA...
YOU HEAR HIM, CITIZENS OF ROME...! NOW--LOOK ON HIM! LOOK ON YOUR GOD!


LOOK AT THE FACE OF EVIL! THE 'THING' YOU WORSHIP! THE CREATURE WHO HAS DRAINED ALL THE GOODNESS FROM ROME AND, WITH THE IRON LEGIONS, TURNED AN EMPIRE INTO AN ABOMINATION!
EEEEK!

RISE UP, CITIZENS OF ROME! ORGANIC TROOPS ARE ALREADY OVERPOWERING THE ROBOTS! NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO CONTROL YOUR DESTINY! THE COHORTS OF THE LEGION WHO WILL NOT LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS MUST BE DE-ACTIVATED!
AYE! HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH! WE ARE FREE MEN...NOT SLAVES!

DOWN WITH THE IRON LEGION!

THAT MINDLESS RABBLE! I WILL REGAIN CONTROL OF THEM...ONCE I HAVE DEALT WITH YOU, DOCTOR!

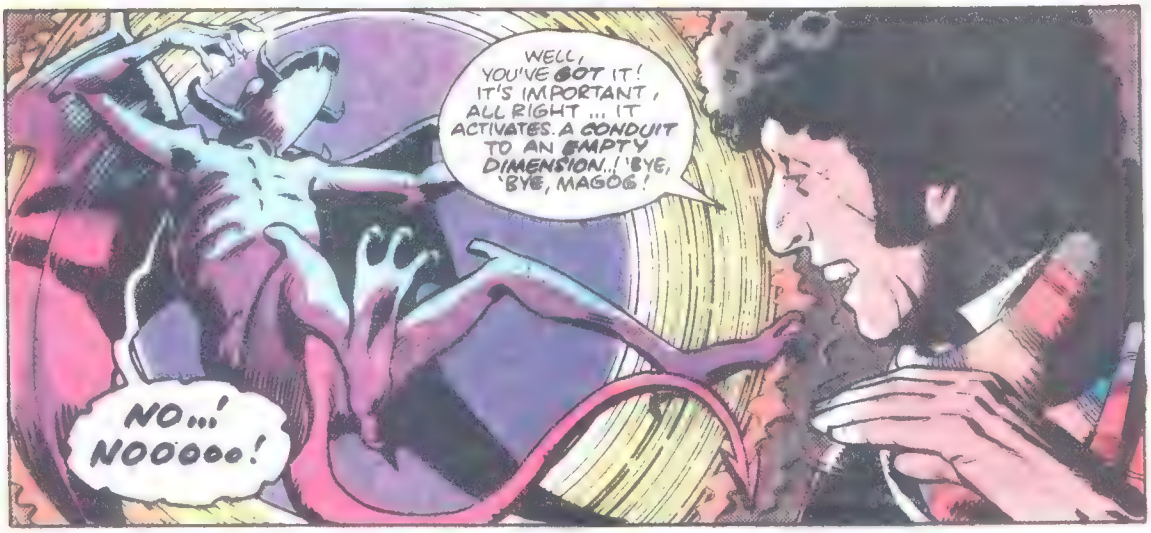
I'VE NEVER EATEN A TIME LORD BEFORE! THE VERY THOUGHT OF IT STIMULATES MY SALIVARY JUICES!
I HOPE YOU'VE GOT SOME TOMATO KETCHUP ..I'M A LITTLE ON THE TOUGH SIDE, AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES!

A MOMENT TO SAVOR! I SHALL BE GREATLY SUCCORED BY SUCH A FEED..AFTER YOU HAVE TOLD ME THE SECRETS OF YOUR TARDIS!
COME ALONG, DOCTOR!

SOON, INSIDE THE TARDIS...
...AND THIS IS THE TIME-SPATIAL MONITOR.
EXCELLENT! WITH THIS MACHINE, MY CONQUEST OF ALL CREATION WILL BE EASIER! NOW WHAT ABOUT THAT BUTTON YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE, DOCTOR?

WHAT, THAT..? OH, THAT'S JUST THE BUTTON FOR EXTRA SUGAR IN MY TEA!
YOU FORGET .. I CAN READ MINDS! IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT, I KNOW! YOU CAN'T ACT THE CLOWN WITH MAGOG, DOCTOR!

IT'S SOMETHING GOOD, ISN'T IT! I WANT IT!


WELL, YOU'VE GOT IT! IT'S IMPORTANT, ALL RIGHT ... IT ACTIVATES. A CONDUIT TO AN EMPTY DIMENSION..! 'BYE, 'BYE, MAGOG!
NO...! NOOOOO!

YOU CAN'T DIE--BUT YOU CAN BE CAGED! UNTIL THE END OF ETERNITY, YOU'LL RULE A KINGDOM BEYOND ALL KINGDOMS, MAGOG! FOR NOW, YOU'RE THE EMPEROR OF THE EMPTY DIMENSION! LORD OF NOTHING! KING OF THE BIG ZERO!

MAGOG... WILL... RETURN!

GOOD JOB! EVERY TARDIS CARRIES A SPARE DIMENSION AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT!

MEANWHILE, THE MALEVILUS' SPACE-SHIP IS BESIEGED BY THOUSANDS OF BEAST-MEN!

ACTIVATE! ACTIVATE!

SYSTEMS NOT RESPONDING, BROTHER BABIYON! BROTHER MAGOG HAS DRAINED ALL THE POWER! TRY AUXILIARY!

FOR A MOMENT, THE ALIEN SHIP LIFTS INTO THE AIR...

THEN, WITH A GROAN OF DYING ENGINES, CRASHES INTO THE GROUND --EXPLODING IN FLAMES!

AND--THE TERROR OF THE MALEVILUS IS FINALLY OVER!

SOME TIME LATER...

OH, DEARIE I! ROME IS FREE, THANKS TO YOU, D-D-DOCTOR! ME IS SO HAPPY.. ME COULD ERUPT!

IT WAS YOUR DOING, TOO, VESUVIUS! THAT'S WHY THE CITIZENS MADE YOU THEIR NEW EMPEROR!

OH, YES! OH, G-G-GOSH! SO MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR I TO MAKE THESE DAYS! LIKE WHAT TO DO WITH THE LAST EMPEROR, LITTLE ADOLPHUS!

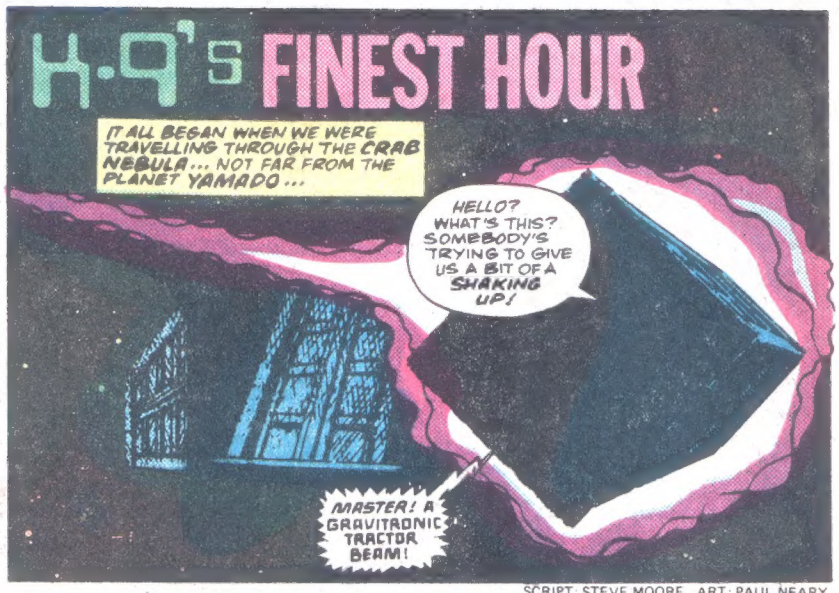
THIS ADDRESS MIGHT BE USEFUL, CAESAR ...IT'S A BOARDING SCHOOL ON THE ICE-PLANET CRYOS FOUR, IN A REMOTE CORNER OF THE GALAXY! RUN BY AN ORDER OF LUKRONIAN YORKS--VERY STRICT ON DISCIPLINE, I BELIEVE!

AN EXCELLENT IDEA, DOCTOR! ME WILL WR-WR-WRITE TO THEM IMMEDIATELY!

WELL, GOOD LUCK, CAESAR! I'M OFF FOR A QUIET HOLIDAY, SOMEWHERE PEACEFUL! CHAP I MET SUGGESTED BENIDORM...! SUN, SEA, SAND--AND A LITTLE BIT OF OLÉ!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: JOIN THE DOCTOR IN... CITY of the DAMNED!



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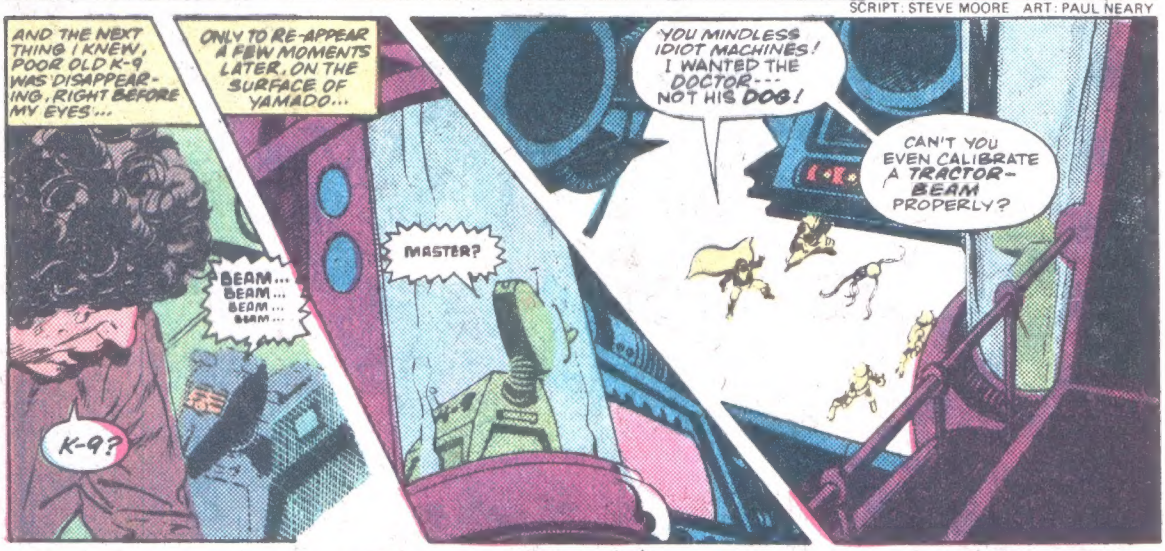
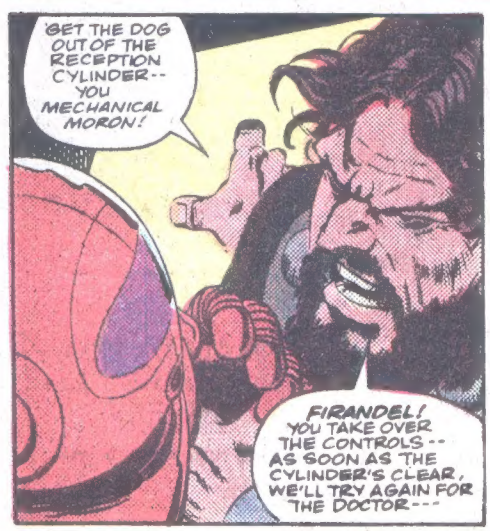
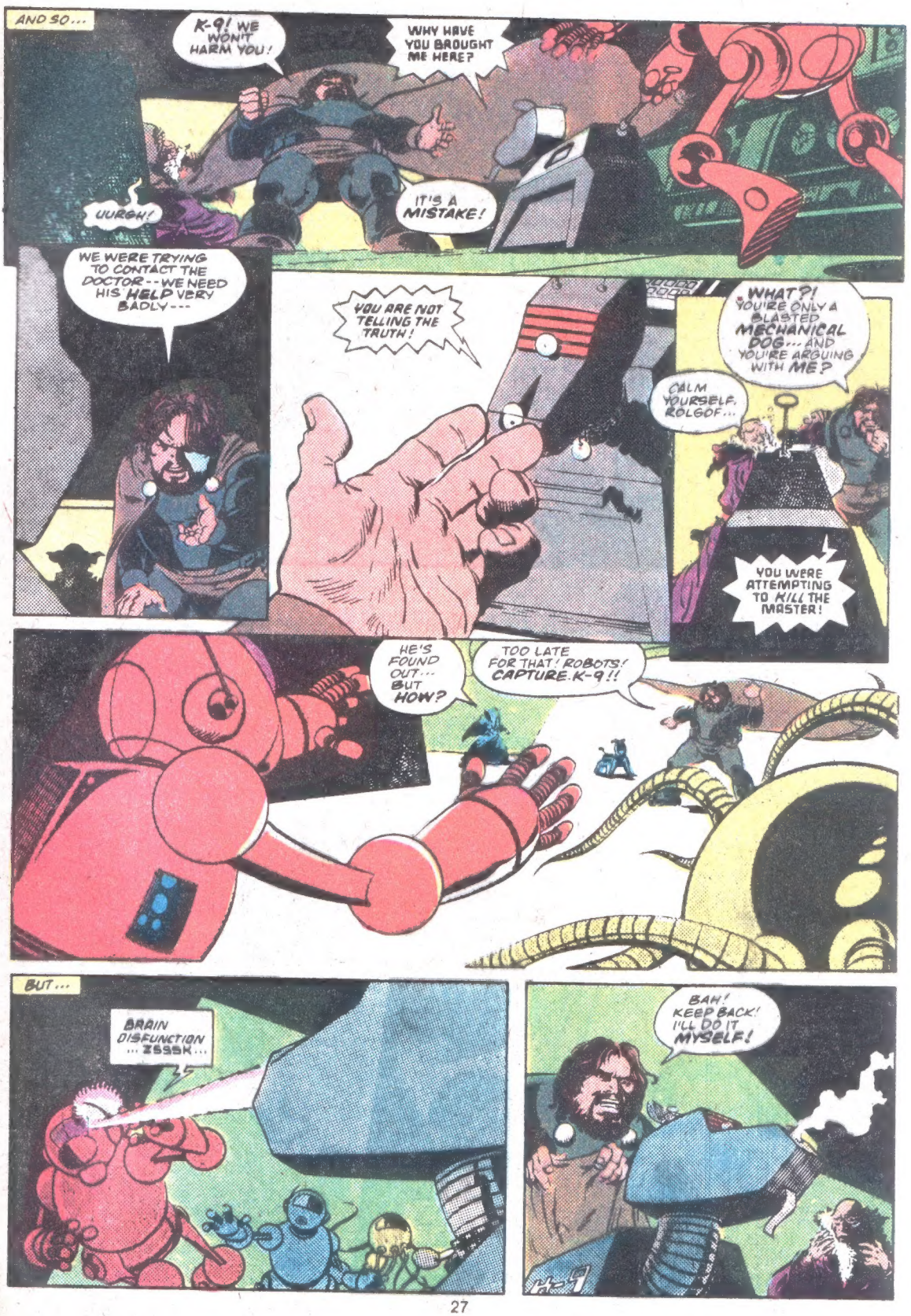
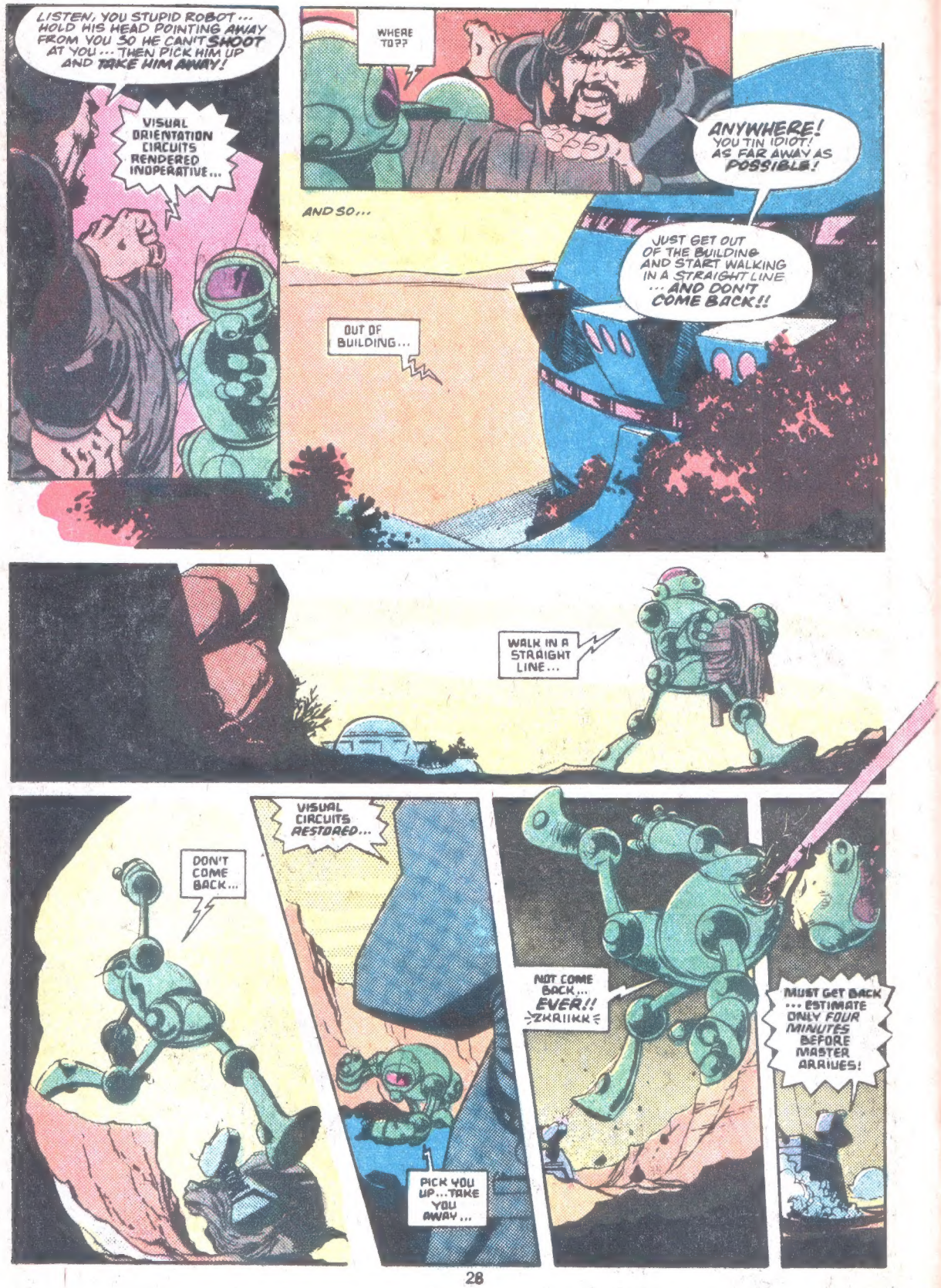
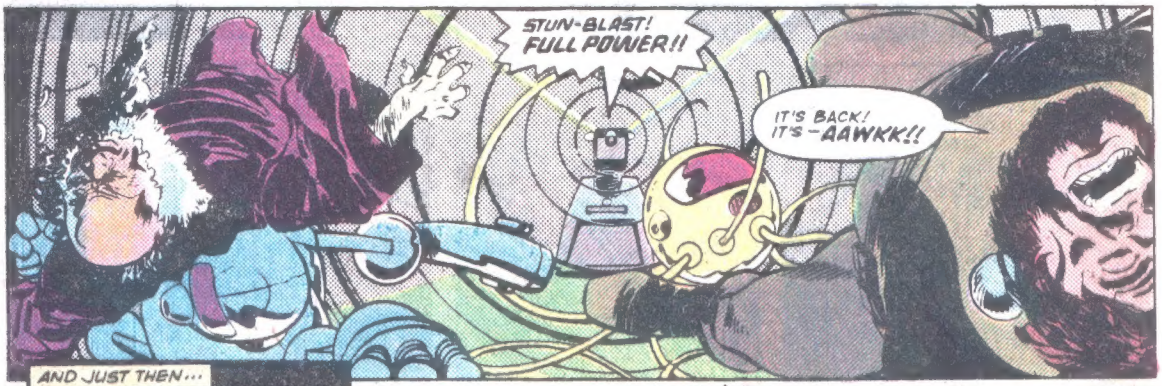


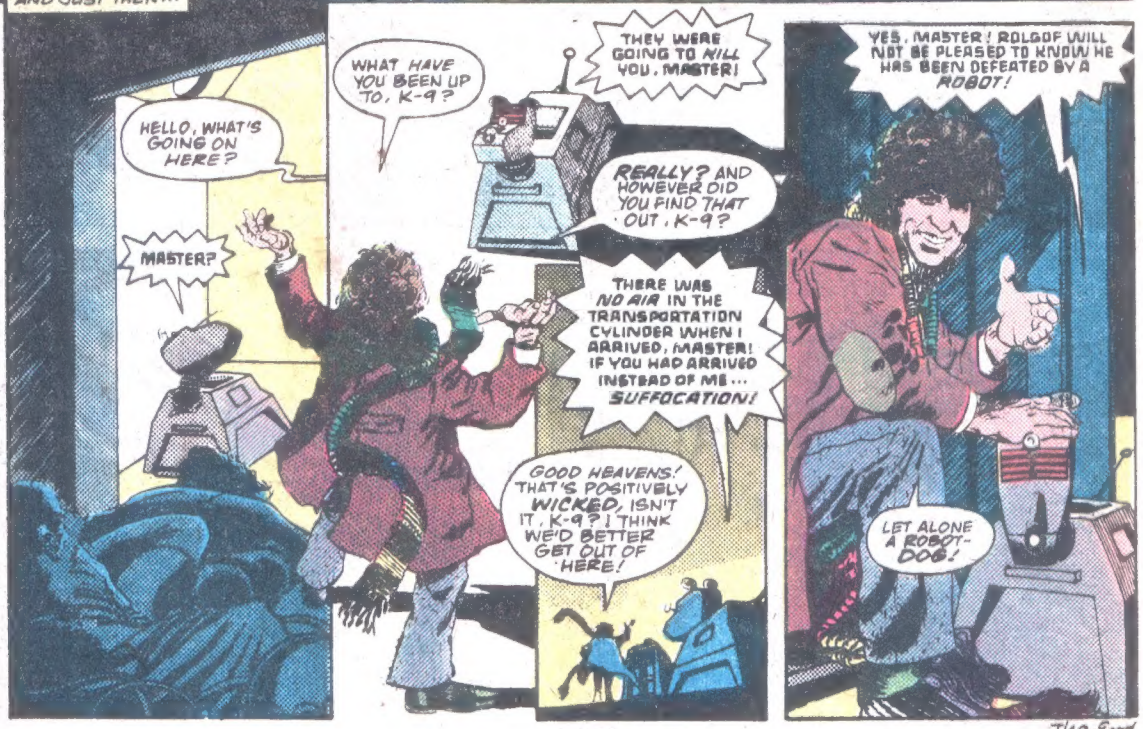



AND SO...
K-9! WE WON'T HARM YOU!
WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?
UURGH!
IT'S A MISTAKE!
WE WERE TRYING TO CONTACT THE DOCTOR--WE NEED HIS HELP VERY BADLY---
YOU ARE NOT TELLING THE TRUTH!
WHAT?! YOU'RE ONLY A BLASTED MECHANICAL DOG... AND YOU'RE ARGUING WITH ME?
CALM YOURSELF, ROLGOF...
YOU WERE ATTEMPTING TO KILL THE MASTER!
HE'S FOUND OUT... BUT HOW?
TOO LATE FOR THAT! ROBOTS! CAPTURE K-9!!
BUT...
BRAIN DISFUNCTION ...ZSSSK...
BAH! KEEP BACK! I'LL DO IT MYSELF!


LISTEN, YOU STUPID ROBOT... HOLD HIS HEAD POINTING AWAY FROM YOU SO HE CAN'T SHOOT AT YOU... THEN PICK HIM UP AND TAKE HIM AWAY!
VISUAL ORIENTATION CIRCUITS RENDERED INOPERATIVE...
WHERE TO??
ANYWHERE! YOU TIN IDIOT! AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE!
AND SO...
JUST GET OUT OF THE BUILDING AND START WALKING IN A STRAIGHT LINE ... AND DON'T COME BACK!!
OUT OF BUILDING...
WALK IN A STRAIGHT LINE...
DON'T COME BACK...
VISUAL CIRCUITS RESTORED...
PICK YOU UP...TAKE YOU AWAY...
NOT COME BACK... EVER!! ZKRIIKK
MUST GET BACK ... ESTIMATE ONLY FOUR MINUTES BEFORE MASTER ARRIVES!

SENSORS INDICATE OPEN SPACE BEHIND WALL... ANALYSIS: VENTILATION DUCT...
BURN-THROUGH TIME, FIFTY EIGHT POINT TWO SECONDS!
AND WITHIN...
BE READY, YOU TIN IDIOTS! THE TIME-LORD'LL BE HERE ANY MOMENT, LOOKING FOR K-9...
AND BEFORE HE CAN MOVE, WE'LL BLAST HIM INTO SOMETHING UNRECOGNIZABLE!!
KERASHHH!


STUN-BLAST! FULL POWER!!
IT'S BACK! IT'S -AAWKK!!


AND JUST THEN...
HELLO, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
MASTER?
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO, K-9?
THEY WERE GOING TO KILL YOU, MASTER!
REALLY? AND HOWEVER DID YOU FIND THAT OUT, K-9?
THERE WAS NO AIR IN THE TRANSPORTATION CYLINDER WHEN I ARRIVED, MASTER! IF YOU HAD ARRIVED INSTEAD OF ME... SUFFOCATION!
GOOD HEAVENS! THAT'S POSITIVELY WICKED, ISN'T IT, K-9? I THINK WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE!
YES, MASTER! ROLGOF WILL NOT BE PLEASED TO KNOW HE HAS BEEN DEFEATED BY A ROBOT!
LET ALONE A ROBOT-DOG!

The End.